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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents for the Examiner's consideration which were cited in a Search Report conducted in International Patent Application No. PCT/FR2005/000850, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the International Examiner cited:

- (1) French Patent Application No. 2 745 103 published August 22, 1997 as an "A" category document (i.e., technological background) with regard to claims 1-20 of the International application. The Examiner noted the entire document as being particularly relevant;
 - (2) U.S. Patent No. 5, 651, 548 issued July 29, 1997 to FRENCH et al. as an "A"

category document with regard to claims 1-20 of the International application. The Examiner noted the entire document as being particularly relevant;

(3) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/229682 published November 18, 2004 to GELINOTTE as an "A" category document with regard to claims 1-20 of the International application. The Examiner noted the entire document as being particularly relevant;

Applicants hereby submit the following documents for the Examiner's consideration:

- (3) US 1,935,308, issued on November 14, 1933 to BALTZLEY;
- (4) US 2,410,845 issued on November 12, 1946 to SNELL et al.;
- (5) US 2,450,997 issued on October, 12 1948 to SHANN;
- (6) US 2,836,911 issued on June 6, 1958 to PRIESNEYER;
- (7) US 2,983,354 issued on May 9, 1961 to EMBER et al.;
- (8) US 3,034,643 issued on May 15, 1962 to KELLER et al.;
- (9) US 3,295,651 issued on January 3, 1967 to KLACKOWSKI et al.:
- (10) US 3,306,462 issued on February, 28 1967 to CRUZ;
- (11) US 3,439,439 issued on April 22, 1969 to STIMSON;
- (12) US 3,670,524 issued on June 20, 1972 to KORWIN;
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- (15) US 3,882,482 issued on May 6, 1975 to GREEN et al.:
- (16) US 3,926,291 issued on December 16, 1975 to BURKE et al.;
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- (19) US 3,968,582 issued on July 13, 1976 to JONES;
- (20) US 4,026,309 issued on May 31, 1977 to HOWARD;
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- (21) US 4,283,709 issued on August 11, 1981 to LUCERO et al.;
- (22) US 4,371,071 issued on February 1, 1983 to ABEDOR et al.;
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- (25) US 4,399,910 issued on August 23, 1983 to GUTENTAG;
- (26) US 4,435,911 issued on March 13, 1984 to JONES;
- (27) US 4,511,796 issued on April 16, 1985 to AIGO;
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- (32) US 4,675,973 issued on June 30, 1987 to SIU;
- (33) US 4,725,924 issued on February 16, 1988 to JUAN;
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- (42) US 4,999,742 issued on March 12, 1991 to STAMPFLI;
- (43) US 5,007,641 issued on April 16, 1991 to SEIDMAN;
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- (45) US 5,094,922 issued on March 10, 1992 to IELPO et al.;
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- (52) US 5,283,422 issued on February 1, 1994 to STORCH et al.;
- (53) US 5,361,885 issued on November 8, 1994 to MODLER;
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- (62) US 5,673,502 issued on October 7, 1997 to CATERBONE;
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- (96) EP 0 790 848;
- (97) EP 0 815 504 which is published only under item (76);
- (98) English language Abstract of EP 0 815 504;
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- (128) US 1,624,335 issued on April 12, 1927 to GREER;
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- (134) US 6,264,109 issued on July 24, 2001 to CHAPET et al.;
- (135) US 6,176,185 issued on January 23, 2001 to CHARLIER et al.;
- (136) US 6,467,413 issued on October 22, 2002 to CHARLIER et al.;
- (137) US 6,581,747 issued on June 24, 2003 to CHARLIER et al.;
- (138) WO 01/08080;
- (139) WO 02/47023;

Applicant also submits herein copies of the following pending US patent applications:

- (140) U.S. 2002/0185019 published December 12, 2002 to TOLLHUPP;
- (141) US 2004/0014838 published on January 22, 2004 in the name of TOLLHUPP;
- (142) US Patent Application 10/547,501, which is a National Stage of PCT/FR2005/001973 (Attorney docket No. P28392) filed on August 31, 2005.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report conducted on International Application No. PCT/FR2005/001973, which is a foreign counterpart of item (142):

(143) U.S. 2002/0063035, published May 30, 2002, in the name of BLAD et al.

(144) EP 0 769 770

(145) WO 2004/102731. Applicant notes the U.S. patent family member is item (3)

Each of the above-cited documents are listed on the enclosed completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Moreover, copies of the European Search Report and of the cited non-U.S. patent documents are being submitted herewith. However, pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the cited/listed U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. Moreover, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant notes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before receipt of an Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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